

**MINUTES OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
January, 29, 2003  
Room 305, State Capitol**

MEMBERS PRESENT:       Sen. Thomas Hatch, Co-Chair  
                              Rep. David Ure, Co-Chair  
                              Sen. Parley Hellewell  
                              Rep. Craig W. Buttars  
                              Rep. Carl W. Duckworth  
                              Rep. Ben C. Ferry  
                              Rep. James R. Gowans  
                              Rep. Michael Noel  
                              Rep. Brent D. Parker  
                              Rep. Darin G. Peterson

MEMBERS ABSENT:       Rep. Michael R. Styler  
                              Sen. Ron Allen

STAFF PRESENT:         Steven Allred, Fiscal Analyst  
                              Sharron Corelli, Committee Secretary

VISITORS:               Attached to and made a part of these minutes

Rep. David Ure called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m..

MOTION:        Sen. Hatch moved to approve the minutes of January 27, 2003. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Buttars, Rep. Duckworth, Rep. Ferry and Rep. Gowan absent for the vote.

Bob Morgan, Executive Director, **Department of Natural Resources**, was welcomed and invited to introduce some members of his staff.

Mr. Morgan, with the assistance of Mr. Dennis Carver, Dept. Finance Director, reviewed departmental concerns and discussed budget reductions.

Mr. Morgan and Mr. Carver answered questions of the committee.

Steven Allred, Fiscal Analyst, presented the budget for **Natural Resources Administration**.

Mr. Allred recommended a total budget for **Natural Resources Administration** of \$6,516,200.

The proposed distribution of the funds is as follows:

<b>Programs</b>	Executive Director	688,000
	Administrative Services	1,404,000
	Energy Resource Planning	3,767,300
	Public Affairs	361,000
	Bear Lake commission	28,700
	Law Enforcement	121,800
	Ombudsman	<u>145,400</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,516,200</b>

MOTION: Sen. Hatch moved that the committee ratify the release of funds for the Wide Hollow Water Conservancy District.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Buttars absent for the vote.

Mr. Allred recommended a report on the intent language regarding brine shrimp royalties and grazing rights protection. Mr. Carver presented an update on proposed brine shrimp taxes. The committee discussed the brine shrimp issue. Mr. Morgan answered questions of the committee regarding grazing rights protection.

Alan Harrison, Executive Director of Bear Lake Regional Commission, introduced members of the Rich County Commission. Mr. Harrison presented a brief review of the activities of the Commission.

Mr. Allred, recommended a total budget for the **Species Protection** line item of \$3,137,200.

Mr. Allred recommended a total budget for the **Building Operation and Maintenance** line item of \$1,552,800.

Mr. Allred reviewed the **Internal Service Funds** budget request. Mr. Allred recommended the following:

**Warehouse**

- Approved revenues of \$685,000
- Approved operating expenses of \$661,500. The difference between revenues and expenses will go to Retained Earnings.
- Rate and fee schedule, page 34, section 4, Administration
- 2 FTE's
- No capital purchases

**Motor Pool**

- Approved revenues of \$4,015,800
- Approved operating expenses of \$3,673,800. The \$342,000 difference between revenues and expenses will go to Retained Earnings.
- Rate and fee schedule page 36, Section 4, Administration
- 4 FTE's
- No capital purchases. In FY 2004 it is estimated that 80 vehicles will be replaced. However, replacement vehicles will be leased from the Division of Fleet Operations (DFO)

**Data Processing**

- Approved revenues of \$702,000
- Approved operating expenses of \$684,500. The \$17,500 difference between revenues and expenses will go to Retained Earnings
- Rate and fee schedule - Page 39, Section 4, Administration
- 4 FTE's
- Authorized capital purchases in the amount of \$100,000 with a five-year depreciation schedule.

Jerry Olds, Director, **Division of Water Rights** and Dennis Carroll, Division Finance Director, presented a brief overview of the plans, activities and budget of the division. They answered questions of the committee.

Steven Allred, Fiscal Analyst, presented the proposed budget for the **Division of Water Rights**.

Mr. Allred recommended a total budget of \$5,938,300.

The proposed distribution of the funds is as follows:

<b>Programs</b>	Administration	536,600
	Appropriations	778,500
	Dam Safety	583,900
	Adjudication	704,500
	Cooperative Studies	350,000
	Technical Services	484,700
	Advertising	150,000
	Regional Offices	<u>2,350,100</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,938,300</b>

MOTION: Rep. Parker moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Co-Chair Ure adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.